

COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS IN ILLINOIS.

LETTER

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House, calling for information as to whether there be defalcations by collectors of customs in the State of Illinois, &c.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 24, 1860.*

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 16th instant, "That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform this House whether or not there be any defalcations by the collectors of customs in the State of Illinois, in the payment over of government moneys, by them collected; and, if so, to state the names of such officers and the amount of such defalcation," I have the honor to state that this department is not aware of any such defalcations by collectors of customs in the State of Illinois.

I would further state, that the delay in not answering the resolution more promptly was occasioned by an investigation into the accounts of those officers, which has resulted in developing no defalcations on their part.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

HOWELL COBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

